

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Thrice amended) A method of manufacturing a circular optical storage disc, comprising:

providing a substrate with a first surface and a periphery;

providing a coating on the first surface by applying a liquid, rotating the substrate, and

solidifying the liquid; and wherein:

when applying the liquid onto the first surface, the substrate is present in a separate extension body;

the extension body having substantially circumferential contact with the periphery of the substrate;

the extension body having a surface substantially flush with the first surface of the substrate; and

after at least partial solidification of the liquid, the extension body and the substrate are separated.